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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the second day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Winfield

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Amore, Canario, O'Brien, Tobon, Williams.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Morin who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 9, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Carlos Tobon is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Representative Gregg Amore is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7071**

BY Serpa, Fellela, Ackerman, Hearn, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN - CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED (Makes it a criminal offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle for longer than five minutes, punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or by a fine of no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC3591/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7072

BY Solomon, Phillips, Cunha, Lima, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits development of land contiguous to State House unless approved by general assembly.) {LC3333/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7073

BY Lombardi, Johnston, Messier, Craven, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT (Makes filing false alarm/false information using 911 system with emergency response likely to/does cause death/serious bodily injury a felony with prison time 16 mos-3 years, \$10,000 fine, both with individual liable for reasonable response costs.) {LC3415/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7074

BY Craven, Lombardi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Revises several definitions in regard to domestic abuse prevention.) {LC3162/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7075

BY Craven, McEntee, Knight, Carson, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes possession or use of a semi-automatic weapon rapid fire device to include bump stock, binary trigger or trigger crank punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment and/or a ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) fine.)

{LC3045/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7076**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Shekarchi, Serpa, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.) {LC3299/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7077**BY** Ajello, Carson, Kazarian, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Provides that no pregnant applicant for medical insurance coverage be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.) {LC3339/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7078**BY** Mendonca, Edwards, Marshall, Lancia, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT AND IDENTITY THEFT (Prohibits the charging of a fee for security freeze services provided by consumer reporting agencies.) {LC3391/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7079**BY** Perez, Handy, Ranglin-Vassell, Ucci, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Requires that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred.) {LC3504/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7080**BY** Ruggiero, Casimiro, Phillips, Kazarian, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING (Authorizes a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents.) {LC3547/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7081**BY** Bennett, McNamara, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for medical osteopathic physician office visits.) {LC3488/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7082**BY** McNamara, Morin, Bennett, McLaughlin, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires all hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities to adopt policies to use a smoke evacuation system for surgical procedures that generate surgical smoke.) {LC3190/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7083**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires the police officer commission on standards and training to establish mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees in all incidents involving mental health literacy.) {LC3124/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7084**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY -- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Requires driver education programs to teach applicants prohibitions/obligations relating to traffic stops and procedure for filing complaint for any violations) {LC3099/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7085**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC3143/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7086**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS (Prohibits the sale and/or delivery of hearing aids directly to the consumer through the Internet or direct mail unless the consumer has a valid certificate of need, and provides for criminal penalties for violations.) {LC3151/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7087**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS--RIPTA-TALKING BUSES (Prohibits the use of safe turn alert systems, used in the operation of a motor bus that voices messages such as "Caution! The bus is turning", in any residential neighborhood.) {LC3039/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7088**BY** McNamara, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Increases compensation paid by the airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services at the T.F. Green Airport.) {LC3234/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Resolution No. 7089**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, McNamara, Solomon, Shanley**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT STATUS FOR REMEDIATION AND/OR MONITORING OF THE TRUK-AWAY LANDFILL SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SITE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WARWICK {LC3473/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7090**BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, Edwards, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - JURY LISTS (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.) {LC3226/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7091**BY** Craven, McEntee, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the mandatory paintcare fee added to the purchase price of paint sold in the state from sales tax.) {LC3163/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7092**BY** Morin, Messier, Phillips, Casey, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the alcoholic beverage manufacturing and wholesale licensing fee from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC3406/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7093**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards.) {LC3091/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7094**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Hearn, Fogarty, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase income disregards for certain Medicare programs.) {LC3340/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7095**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Hearn, Fogarty, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax products used for feminine hygiene in connection with the menstrual cycle.) {LC3341/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7096**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for the Friends of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.) {LC3142/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7097**BY** Perez, Handy, Ranglin-Vassell, Diaz, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATIONS ACT (Amends the fine imposed for a first offense for failure to maintain financial security, to a maximum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).) {LC3505/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7098**BY** Ruggiero, Donovan, Kazarian, Serpa, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Establishes community senior services grant program providing financial assistance to municipalities/nonprofit organizations operating senior centers/programs.) {LC3544/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7099**BY** Solomon, Coughlin, McNamara, Marshall, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday for the days of August 11, 2018 and August 12, 2018 and no sales taxes would be collected on non-business sales of tangible personal property with certain exceptions.) {LC3338/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7100**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Morin, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.) {LC3090/1}

01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS****Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:**

House Bill No. 7088**BY** McNamara, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

(Increases compensation paid by the airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services at the T.F. Green Airport.) {LC3234/1}

01/10/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

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AND/OR MONITORING OF THE TRUK-AWAY LANDFILL SUSPECTED HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SITE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WARWICK {LC3473/1}

01/10/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:**House Bill No. 7090****BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, Edwards, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE

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01/10/2018 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Corporations:**House Bill No. 7087****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS--RIPTA-TALKING

BUSES (Prohibits the use of safe turn alert systems, used in the operation of a motor bus that voices messages such as "Caution! The bus is turning", in any residential neighborhood.) {LC3039/1}

01/10/2018 Committee transferred to House Corporations

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTRepresentative Azzinaro welcomes to the world his 2nd great grandchild, Benjamin Duhamel.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7101

BY Morgan, Serpa, Nunes

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH BRUNERO {LC3384/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Leader Morgan seconded by Representatives Serpa and Nunes by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi informs members that Representative Amore's daughter, Tess was involved in a serious car accident this morning. Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello asks all to keep Representative Gregg Amore and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Leader Shekarchi announces that a members only training session will take place in the House Lounge, from 4:30 PM to 7 PM today on topics of sexual harassment, discrimination and diversity and will be open to the press.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:24 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kenneth C. Ahearn; on motion of Leader Morgan and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elizabeth Brunero seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Minority Whip Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL A. MORIN

Lord, we ask you to bless us all, but more especially those in our society who are afflicted in any way. Please watch over them and keep them in your loving care. Amen.